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20 October 1953

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 20 October 1953

* Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

* Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Lt. Gen. Charles P. Cabell

** MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
*Major General Richard C. Partridge, Assistant Chief of
Staff, G-2, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral H. C. Daniel, acting for Director of Naval
Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Brigadier General Edward H. Porter, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Victor Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

*Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., Central Intelligence Agency
Dr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency

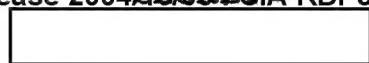
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**The AEC representative was absent

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Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State

Mr. Henry D. Owen, Department of State

*** Lt. Colonel T. C. Anderson, Department of the Army

* Lt. Colonel D. T. Vanderhoef, Department of the Army

Captain Allan L. Reed, USN, Department of the Navy

Brigadier General Millard Lewis, United States Air Force

Colonel Donald H. Ainsworth, United States Air Force

Colonel John J. Morrow, United States Air Force

Colonel Robert Totten, United States Air Force

Major John F. Allums, United States Air Force

Colonel Samuel M. Lansing, The Joint Staff

Colonel John J. Hussey, Jr., The Joint Staff

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*** Acted for absent member



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Secretary

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The Minutes of 13 October 1953 (IAC-M-125) were approved.

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2. Action: Disapproved. Agreed that the Board of National Estimates would prepare a comment on the recent comparable

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Estimate of the
World Situation
(NIE-90)

3. Action: Approved as amended.

4. Discussion: The Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff, observed that an estimate of this type, drawing as it must on various existing estimates, and attempting in some instances to paraphrase them, ran the risk of changing or appearing to change the conclusions of those estimates. He felt that it was a disservice to the planners to have two sets of views current and that the difficulty of avoiding that situation might make it preferable not to produce National Estimates of this type. It was pointed out that ONE had earlier produced several uncoordinated estimates of the world situation, and that IAC coordination had been undertaken in this case at the request of the IAC agencies. Several members commented on the progress achieved by thus compelling a review of extant estimates and changing conclusions as warranted. It was recognized that changed conclusions should be based on new information or evaluation and not develop merely because of faulty paraphrasing of underlying estimates.

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